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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN: MFA LOOKS FORWARD TO ARMACOST
- AND SOVIET VISITS AND SEES TIMETABLE AS
- ONLY HURDLE AT PENDING GENEVA TALKS

1. (U) THE MFA SPOKESMAN SAID ON JANUARY 15,
ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORTS OF HIS WEEKLY PRESS
BRIEFING, THAT UNDERSECRETARY ARMACOST'S VISIT NEXT
WEEK WOULD PROVIDE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE
VIEWS ON BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
VIEWS. HE ALSO SAID THAT ISLAMABAD IS LOOKING
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FORWARD TO A VISIT FROM A SENIOR SOVIET
REPRESENTATIVE FOR SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING
FOREIGN SECRETARY SATTAR'S TRIP TO MOSCOW LAST
MONTH. WHILE NOT MENTIONING AFGHANISTAN IN
CONNECTION WITH EXPECTED VISITORS, THE SPOKESMAN
STATED THAT THE GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE
COMPLETED IN NO TIME IF AGREEMENT WERE REACHED ON A
TIMEFRAME FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOVIET TROOPS.

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2. (LOU) THE MFA SPOKESMAN IS FOREIGN SECRETARY
ABDUL SATTAR.

3. (U) THE SPOKESMAN ALSO:

-- SAID THERE WERE RECENTLY A NUMBER OF STATEMENTS
FROM KABUL AND MOSCOW INDICATIVE OF NEW TRENDS WHICH
VINDICATED THE RIGHT AND RIGHTEOUS STAND OF THE VAST
MAJORITY OF WORLD NATIONS.

-- REITERATED THAT PAKISTAN WANTED SOVIET TROOPS
WITHDRAWN IN MONTHS NOT YEARS ON THE BASIS OF
LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS.

-- REMINDED THAT THE GOP HAS ADVOCATED A POLITICAL
SETTLEMENT OF THE AFGHANISTAN PROBLEM SINCE ITS
BEGINNING.

-- STATED THAT THE NEXT ROUND OF GENEVA TALKS MIGHT
SEE THE FINAL DEMISE OF A SETTLEMENT WHICH THE
GOP WOULD BE READY TO SIGN.

-- CLARIFIED THAT THE GENEVA PROCESS DEALS WITH THE
EXTERNAL ASPECTS OF THE AFGHAN PROBLEM AND NOT WITH
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THE INTERNAL SITUATION.

-- CONTENDED THAT RECENT DRA PROPOSALS ALSO
VINDICATED THE POSITION OF THE AFGHAN MUJAHIDIN BY
RECOGNIZING THAT RECONCILIATION AND PEACE IN
AFGHANISTAN NECESSITATED THE INCLUSION OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MUJAHIDIN IN THE KABUL
GOVERNMENT.

-- MAINTAINED THAT THE REFUGEES WOULD TO BE CONSULTED
BECAUSE INTERNAL PEACE AND RECONCILIATION WOULD BE A
KEY FACTOR FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF A
GENEVA SETTLEMENT.

-- SAID THAT A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT ON
AFGHANISTAN ENVISAGED ACCEPTANCE OF A GENEVA
AGREEMENT BY ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING PAKISTAN AND THE
DRA, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION AS
GUARANTORS, IRAN AND THE MUJAHIDIN.

3. (U) KABUL AND MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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